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1. CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN J. SOLARZ VISITED CALCUTTA ON NOVEMBER 29-30. HIS PROGRAM INCLUDED FOLLOWING EVENTS: DINNER AT CONFUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLAGS IN CALCUTTA AND WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY PLANNING, VISITS TO BUSTEES (SLUMS) AND ONE OF MOTHER THERESA'S HOMES FOR DESTITUTE AND DYING, VISIT TO RAMAKRISHNA MISSION HOSPITAL AND FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC, MEETING WITH BHOLA NATH SEN, MINISTER IN WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT AND CHAIRMAN OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

2. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ' REMARKS TO REPORTERS AT AIRPORT APPEARED IN TWO CALCUTTA ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES--STATESMAN AND AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA. REPORTS EMPHASIZED STATEMENTS THAT INDO-US RELATIONS MIGHT BE IMPROVED UNDER CARTER AND THAT ALTHOUGH SOLARZ GENERALLY OPPOSED TO ARMS SALES THAT WOULD DESTABILIZE MILITARY BALANCE, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED SALE OF A-7'S TO PAKISTAN. COPIES OF ARTICLES ARE BEING POUCHED TO WASHINGTON FOR THE CONGRESSMAN.
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